

The Freedom from Big Tech Caucus

TOPLINE: It's time to take on Big Tech. For too long, the Big Tech titans have used their market power to stifle innovation, crush small businesses, and silence conservative voices here in America. At the same time Big Tech has sought to destroy markets and those it disagrees with here at home, Big Tech companies have groveled before the Chinese Communist Party and aligned themselves with a regime that spies on and censors its citizens and persecutes religious minorities all in efforts to retain access China's consumer markets and cheap labor. Through these actions, Big Tech monopolists have shown they are no longer American companies prioritizing America's interests—they are globalist corporations who are headquartered in America because of our very business-friendly laws. The Big Tech companies are no friends of freedom, free markets, or human flourishing.

BACKGROUND: Big Tech companies were great American corporate success stories. Their stories of scrappy founders starting a business in garages and college dorm rooms, working tirelessly to build their companies and fend off competitors and acquirers, and ultimately overcoming tremendous odds to reach meteoric success, had immense emotional resonance with the American people and they were rightly celebrated. However, we have witnessed an explosion in the power and dominance of a handful of tech companies at the expense of innovation, competition, consumers, social and religious conservatives, and our country.

While big isn't inherently bad and we should celebrate American success stories, companies that use their success to bludgeon small businesses, illegally corner markets, and cozy up to hostile foreign regimes are not those we should hold up as scions of the American capitalist system. Congress must address the threat posed by Big Tech to our country and our free market system.

THE CAUCUS: The Freedom from Big Tech Caucus will educate members about the abuses of Big Tech. The caucus would discuss legislative solutions to restore the free market, incentivize innovation, support small businesses, and end political censorship. The caucus will also focus on Big Tech's relationship with China and the harm Big Tech has done to children's mental health.